

## Maria Temkin

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**From:** FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2018 5:51 PM  
**To:** Maria Temkin  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request F-2017-12701

Ms. Temkin,

This is a follow-up to the email below from the Department of State's FOIA Requester Service Center.

Your client John Helmer's FOIA request F-2017-12701 is still in process and has February 2019 estimated date of completion (EDC). Please note that EDCs are "strictly estimates" and not intended to be used as "actual" dates of completion, due to various extenuating factors, which may or may not include coordination with other Agencies during the process (referrals, concurrences, etc.).

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center (FRSC) at [\(202\) 261-8484](tel:(202)261-8484), or fax us at [\(202\) 261-8579](tel:(202)261-8579) or send an e-mail to [foiastatus@state.gov](mailto:foiastatus@state.gov).

Regards,

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FOIA Requester Service Center

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**From:** FOIA Status  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 4, 2018 5:25 PM  
**To:** Maria Temkin <maria@temkinlegal.com>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request F-2017-12701

Ms. Temkin,

This is to confirm that the Department is in receipt of your December 3 correspondence regarding your client John Helmer's FOIA request F-2017-12701.

We have to conduct some research on this case and may have to consult with other colleagues within this office. We will follow-up with you as soon as possible to provide a status update and an estimated date of completion for this request.

Please be advised that the Department currently has a backlog and processes FOIA and Privacy Act requests on a first-in, first-out basis. As a result, there is presently a delay in the completion of FOIA and Privacy Act requests. As the Department continues to work through its backlog, it is mindful of its accountability to the public.

We appreciate your continued patience.

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**From:** Maria Temkin <[maria@temkinlegal.com](mailto:maria@temkinlegal.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 3, 2018 1:38 PM  
**To:** Robinson, Kellie N <[RobinsonKN@state.gov](mailto:RobinsonKN@state.gov)>; FOIA Status <[FOIAStatus@state.gov](mailto:FOIAStatus@state.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request F-2017-12701

Dear Ms. Robinson:

Please see the attached correspondence.

Sincerely,



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